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I saw the President at 9:00 a.m. this morning for the first time since I had said goodbye to him in Paris last March. He was, ~~very~~ as always cordial ~~and~~ and, as usual, full of charm. He looks well and completely relaxed. He and Foster were, I think, relieved that I did not want to have the personal rank of Ambassador. There are too many already with this personal title who hinder the operations of the regular missions. I was emphatic on this point.

I spent the day at the Department with the exception of lunch at 1925 F Street with Bill Donovan. My appointment was announced this afternoon.

Dined with Joe Alsop. He had Alice and Roger Makins and Douglas Dillon.

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